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Izac Reid cuts hard around a corner during the Amsoil Kawartha Cup snowcross race on Feb. 7. See story on page 19.

## Levstek left behind in cultural centre restructure

By **Matthew Desrosiers**  
 Editor

Darren Levstek, museum curator for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, has been fired.

The move came after the township eliminated his position in a restructuring of the cultural centre.

"The cultural centre, in terms of costs of operations and the things that have happened there, from a budget point of view, it was near the cost of running our arena," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin. "It was time for a reorganization."

Levstek's work experience included over nine years as an art historian at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, nearly two years as a curatorial assistant, and six

months as an acquisitions researcher with the Art Gallery of Ontario. He started as curator of the Minden Hills Museum and Pioneer Village in April 2012.

"I am grateful for my time at the Minden Hills Museum and the opportunities afforded me during my tenure," he said in an e-mail to The Highlander.

Laurie Carmount, who was the Agnes Jamieson Gallery's curator, will assume

the newly created cultural centre curator position. The new role is designed to coordinate programs and special events centre-wide, including the gallery, museum, pioneer village, and Nature's Place.

"I'm a huge supporter of the cultural centre," said Devolin. "There are some exciting things we can do in that area."

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## Minden returning to volunteers for cultural centre

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Over the last couple of years, attendance has trailed off at the cultural centre. For the cost of running the centre, the status quo was no longer acceptable, he said.

"The department head, [Mark Coleman], CAO [Lorrie Blanchard] and council agreed status quo is not an option. We couldn't conscientiously, in terms of our financial constraint, stick with this."

Devolin said the township is going to change how the cultural centre operates. Its first step will be to re-engage volunteers.

"I think we got away from using volunteers and I would say that within the cultural centre, to re-engage more of those people that were actively engaged in the past, that's definitely part of a bigger strategy," he said. "I think we've missed their efforts. I think the amount of people that go there and use those activities, since they were disengaged, we've lost because of it."

He said volunteers have great ideas and the activities at the centre should not be purely staff-driven.

"Staff needs to set the overall direction, but when we have lots of bright, willing,

knowledgeable volunteers that want to help us, I think we need to structurally include them in what we do."

In a press release, the township said they expect these changes to lead to a leaner, more efficient organization, and that there will be improvements in staff coordination and communication. They also list an increased focus on completing priority projects, and increased visitation and revenues, as motivations for the restructure.

Devolin said the decision to eliminate Levstek's position was not made lightly, but that he supports Coleman's vision for

the centre.

"When changes need to be made and people's lives are affected, we don't do this lightly," he said. "I think hopefully how it's been dealt with has been proper."

"There are times that hard decisions need to be made to give a better value proposition to this. I'm a huge supporter of the cultural centre and what it does there. We can make structural changes, engage volunteers, and broaden the definition of what the cultural centre is. You will see activities and things that will become public in the next month or two that will [show that]."

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# Highlander news

## CCAC workers asking for parity

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

After two weeks on the picket line, Haliburton's Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) health professionals are feeling frustrated and concerned.

Alison Yake, a hospital care coordinator with the CCAC, is on strike alongside nearly 3,000 members of the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) across the province.

"I don't want to be on strike," said Yake. "The number one concern for all of us is our clients, but we've been forced to go on strike. Our employer has walked away from the table. We're at a standstill right now."

The ONA CCAC members include registered nurses, nurse practitioners, registered practical nurses, social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists and allied care professionals.

Yake said there are over 300 community clients in Haliburton County alone, not including short stay clients. The CCAC also works within hospitals to facilitate transfers into long-term care, as well as discharges.

"There's a huge concern right now for us when we're out there. What's happening with the clients?"

The CCAC workers are familiar with the patients, their unique needs, and their families, she said.

"We do more than just coordination of care," said Yake.

"There are hands-on people who are on strike now that are

a huge part of discharges home, and who see those clients within a certain amount of time after they get home."

Despite claims from the CCAC's management that they have contingency plans in place, Yake said the workers are feeling uncertain about the care their patients are receiving.

"I hope clients are being managed and that questions and concerns from family members are being addressed," she said. "As care coordinators, we have to follow process, guidelines and policy for everything we do to get somebody home. Is management following all of that? Or is it all just being put aside and we're putting people at risk?"

"That's our frustration on our line."

The strike began on Jan. 30. The CCAC members had a wage freeze in their last contract, which expired in March 2014. Since then, they've been negotiating for a wage increase of 1.4 per cent each year for the next two years, backdated to the end of their last contract.

Yake said the wage increase is about fairness.

"We're trying to be equal across all other sectors," she said. "I work just as hard, with the position I work in right now, as nurses in other hospitals."

She added that the CCAC workers hold the same licences as other nurses in the province but are paid less.

"We want to be treated equally with them."

"I absolutely love my job," said Yake. "I don't like the position we're in right now, but collectively, as a whole, this [strike] is what we've decided."

## Limited landfill options in HE

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

The Highlands East environmental department is waiting for approval from the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) to expand its Highway 28 landfill site.

According to a report provided by environmental supervisor Glen Covert, the site could be full within 2.2 years if the approval is not received.

"Seven years ago we started the expansion there," he told council on Feb. 9. "There were some surface water issues there, so the MOE granted us a 10,000m<sup>3</sup> [expansion] and five years to see if we could get the surface water in better quality."

Between MOE guidelines and suggestions from consultants Cambium Environmental, Covert said the surface water at the site has improved dramatically. He is now in the midst of the final stages, having sent

paperwork to the MOE for approval.

If the 10,000m<sup>3</sup> expansion is approved, the landfill will last another 17 years.

At the Monmouth landfill site in Tory Hill, garbage received from the transfer station in Gooderham is having an impact.

Covert said the landfill has only 14.1 years left at the current rate in which it receives waste. He suggested the municipality's environmental committee look at trucking Gooderham's garbage elsewhere, such as Lakefield or to BFI Canada, a waste solutions company.

While trucking the garbage elsewhere would cost the municipality, he said it could be better in the long run.

"You pay a little bit each year, but it adds life to the landfill at the same time," said Covert. "I would like to see ... what it would cost to truck [Gooderham's garbage] elsewhere and bring years of life up."

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# Editorial opinion

## Minden's arts on the block?

The termination of Darren Levstek's position at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre may have been a mistake.

With over 10 years' experience at the Royal Ontario Museum, Levstek added a certain credibility to the cultural centre. But maybe that was also his downfall.

According to Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, the decision to cut Levstek's job was based on financial considerations and poor attendance at the centre. Before Levstek, the centre was run by volunteers. It's likely their friends and families were more likely to attend because of it.

But the previous council wanted a more professional approach to the centre, in the hopes of expanding the facility's scope and reach. They added a salary and subtracted the volunteers to make that happen. Levstek had the role of overseeing the transition from R.D. Lawrence Place to Nature's Place, a move painful at the time and controversial still today.

For Levstek to build attendance sufficiently in three years to cover the added expense would have been a tall order, assuming it was one of his job objectives and he was given the resources to do it. More likely, this council is merely making the observation that before Levstek, the centre was run at no cost to the municipality. Ergo, in times of budget constraints it makes sense to return to that model.

But even if the municipal resource can be run by volunteers, dropping Levstek from the equation before giving him a chance to turn it around may be penny wise and pound foolish.

When interviewed by The Highlander, Devolin kept saying the status quo wasn't acceptable. However, he never said Levstek refused to change. Was he given a chance? Or is this council simply saying we can't afford the luxury of a Levstek in a time of tight budgets?



By Matthew Desrosiers

The timeline of this move, only two months after the new council took office, suggests it may have been the latter.

Granted, the financial landscape is scary in Minden, as it is across the county. The new OPP billing model has everyone worried about balancing the budget, so it makes sense that Minden's councillors would take aim at a big budget line item like the cultural centre. But it's a shame to see the first chop of the axe hitting the arts, and more directly someone who had much potential in this community and will now be leaving it.

Losing a salary won't increase attendance. Unless, of course, Laurie Carmount can turn the ship around – and she may just be able to do that. Laurie's no slouch when it comes to curating a gallery. Over the past year, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery has had some exciting exhibitions and events. However, whether she'll be able to transition smoothly and experience the same success as the museum's curator, too, remains to be seen.

As for bringing back volunteers, yes, that is important to the cultural centre. But so too is having the expertise to fully develop its potential and reputation. If Minden Hills can find that in their volunteers, who could blame them for choosing to save the money?

The cultural centre is a great asset to Minden Hills. Devolin says the decision wasn't made lightly, and so one hopes this decision pays off. Because it was the general expectation of Minden Hills voters that the continual loss of qualified, experienced employees would end with the exit of Barb Reid.

## Weather worries

Weather forecasts started to be issued on an annual basis back in 1972.

That was the year that the old Farmer's Almanac was first printed (it was, of course, the 1793 edition), with its prognostications for the coming year boldly printed in the publication. Since it first appeared on the scene, the Almanac has claimed 80 per cent accuracy with its forecasts. Not a difficult claim to make in the early days when communications were limited and it would have been difficult to verify what happened in the regions it covered.

Prior to the introduction of the Almanac people had to rely on their intuition, knowledge gathered over years of experience handed down from generation to generation and, of course, grandfather's aching knee. They watched the wind, looked at the sky, felt the humidity on their skin and asked grandpa how his knee felt. In most cases they were pretty good at predicting what tomorrow, or even the next day, would bring. Any further into the future, specific weather was beyond their reach other than the more generalized cycling of the seasons.

One could say we have come a long way since then. Hour by hour predictions are available online, forecasts every 20 minutes on the radio and entire television channels devoted to the changing conditions out of doors. Of course, this instant access and reliance on these other sources has eroded our innate knowledge and understanding of how the conditions change from day to day. Despite that, there are still those who are more in touch with the ebb and flow of the weather. Farmers, trappers, others who spend a great deal of time out of doors, can still interpret signals in the clouds, the wind and perhaps the ache of a joint.

While the weather knowledge has moved over the years from the world of personal experience to that of only looking to other sources, more recently it has evolved from mere information to the world of high drama. Those who report the weather to us over the air waves in particular have established a passionate relationship with weather extremes.

When temperatures are soaring or plunging, when snow, beyond a few flakes, is on its way

or anything more than drizzle is predicted, the weather forecasters are all beside themselves with excitement. High winds? Bring it on. Tornado potential? You bet. Those weather people who live along the coast love the hurricane season. Big snow storm coming? Can't wait!

Television in particular lends itself to the dramatic. Swaddled in a parka or encased in a slicker, the reporters stand hunched against the driving snow or the pounding surf to deliver their bad news: hurricane blasters, snowmageddon, the storm of the century, nature turns against us, we are all doomed! They never miss a chance to conjure calamity in the minds of their viewers.

Even the radio wallows in the overly dramatic. Not only do the forecasts hype the low temperatures, but they then heighten the tension with the wind-chill reading driving the cold to a mind-numbing number and then, the icing on the cake, follow it with a pronouncement that exposed flesh will turn rock hard in a matter of seconds in conditions like this. My prayer at this point is that everyone's last will and testament is up-to-date.

Now don't get me wrong, and it may be already too late for that, I value the weather information offered from a variety of sources, especially since I have lost many of my weather smarts over the years. I am just getting a little more than tired with the way that any unusual twitch in the weather forecast is turned into Armageddon. I don't need the cute names, the over-the-top graphics and the breathless delivery. Spare me the end of the world scenario and just give me the facts, cold or hot, and let me deal with them.

And while we're talking weather, I wonder when Environment Canada is going to start reporting current conditions from the Stanhope Airport rather than the one in Bancroft? Or, like in the old days, I could just step out the door and discover for myself what is really going on outside.



By Jack Brezina

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# Letters to the editor

## Love one another

Dear editor,

The worst racism is found on university campuses across this great country. It is vicious. It is a well-organized campaign of intimidation, threats, and demonization of Jews, and no one can be heard who wants to present an opposing viewpoint. The universities call this “freedom of speech.”

The express intention of these so-called Israel Apartheid Weeks is to call for the annihilation of Israel. On another front, the media presents biased anti-Israel stories and when they report untruthfully, they don't make retractions. In addition, the media have not reported on the thousands of Assyrian Christians of Iraq and Iran who have been brutally beheaded, some even crucified, by the Islamic State. Even little children are killed just because they worship Jesus.

We need to stand up for freedom and realize that it does not mean that everything can be tolerated. No one should be forced to accept another's religion. If we really worship God, we need to love others, not hate them. But we must be free to disagree without reprisals.

**Marg Burrows**  
*Minden*

## Photo of the week



A photo of Art Creek.

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## Putting my foot in it

In the past I have made the odd derogatory remark about Haliburton County's most beloved of games: ice hockey.

These jibes were made in jest, obviously, as I have no wish to be run out of town or be given the evil eye in the grocery store by our very own NHL hero, Mr. McKechnie. That said, I am yet to be converted to the religion of hockey, even if they are putting something in the water. Perhaps it's because I have a dug well...

But past puck-related misdemeanors aside, and while I still fail to fully understand the nuances of the sticking rule or relevance of the blue line, I recently gained a new respect for hockey players big, small, successful and mediocre. I saw another side of the game that has put me in awe of the men, women and kiddies who play Canada's favourite game. And my revelation came while I was on the ice.

Now, I'm often on the ice but normally it is standing looking into a small circular hole drilled into the frozen surface of a lake. I think about all manner of things whilst

staring into the watery abyss, but hockey isn't usually one of them. Actually, it is never one of them. I think about everything, from why I'm not catching any fish to how humans might finally self-destruct and their reign of earth end. I muse on topics as diverse as deer hunting and monster truck racing, the fragile state of the economy and the fact that Captain Kirk never actually uttered the phrase 'beam me up Scotty.'

However, on this occasion I was not waving minnows at aloof walleye. I was skidding and slipping unsteadily around the ice rink at our local arena. I was 'skating' with my lovely wife and Little Z. Both are better than me, and that is admitting something as those who have seen Little Z on skates will surely not be worried for their son's position on the hockey team!

Either way, I was teetering around the rink, struggling to stay upright, while countless four year olds buzzed past me, carved tight circles around me, blatantly laughed at my pathetic efforts at bipedal travel on ice. As I struggled on what amounted to only my third or fourth

circuit of the rink in what had been a long and trying hour, I marvelled at how anyone can enjoy this form of slow torture.

Yes, torture. My feet were not only freezing cold, they also felt like someone had spent the previous 50 minutes or so hitting them with a baseball bat. The excruciating pain of wearing skates had begun not more than a minute after I laced them up and it didn't lessen a bit as my feet slowly froze. I winced and whined, I hobbled and moaned but no one seemed to care: everyone else was smiling, laughing and having fun. Was it only me who suffered so?

But, when I asked around, I found that all skates, or all those worn to play hockey at any rate, hurt. Even the expensive ones. Hockey players, it seems, are hardcore. Forget the big hits, the high-speed skating, the flashing puck smashing you between the teeth... Hockey players of all sizes lace up these instruments of torture at the beginning of every game and then endure the excruciating pain for its entirety. For that reason alone I am in awe of every one of you, from the smallest Storming Atom to Duchene, Hodgson and their ilk.

I thought about this as I sat in the change rooms after enduring my public skate. The relief that I felt on unlacing my skates was heavenly.

My feet gradually expanded, released as they were from their leather and lace bindings. I stretched them, flexed and luxuriated in their new freedom. And then I got it. Hockey players don't skate that fast for the fun of it. They don't skate forwards then backwards, then forwards again in order to best win the puck. Hockey players do as they do because their skates are killing them.

I applaud every one of you stick-wielding skaters. I now understand why the big name players get paid their millions. I feel your pain. I see how you can be so single-minded, not worrying about the economy, the fate of mankind or the misquoting of Captain Kirk. Hockey players are my new heroes.

'Beam that puck, Scotty!'



By Will Jones

## The Outsider



# Highlander news

## Developer out \$500K

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

The old veneer plant on Schoefield Road in Wilberforce has been removed, but doing so has left one businessman nearly bankrupt.

Allan Clark, president and owner of Vacation Investment Properties, purchased the plant and the property in 2007. The plan at the time was to turn the plant into condominiums to be rented out to visitors.

After completing two impact studies – one on the abutting Dark Lake, and other for Wilbermere Lake downstream – it was decided to instead remove the veneer plant building, re-zone the property and apply for four lot severances.

“The factory had been vandalized badly,” Clark told Highlands East council at a Feb. 9 meeting.

Later, he told The Highlander that vandals had severely damaged the building, destroyed his machinery on site, and stole equipment.

After taking down the building, site remediation was required. Soil that was contaminated with petroleum from the site was trucked to the landfill, where it was used as filler. At the time, Clark thought council had agreed to a \$50,000 cap on tipping fees. However, he has since paid more than that.

“I’m at my wit’s end,” he told council.

According to a Cambium Environmental

report from two years, Clark said the property met the criteria and no more remediation was necessary. However, he’s since been told that levels of cobalt on the site are above the acceptable limit.

“In 2012, the record of site condition was complete. Since then, the bar has changed three times. We responded each time to that.”

He said the plan is still to get the record of site condition, but he’s not sure if he’ll be able to afford any more setbacks.

“It has been a long project,” Clark told The Highlander. “All I’ve done is tried to clean up a very bad sight.”

Already he’s spent \$500,000 on the property, more than what it’s worth, Clark said.

“Vacation Investment Properties, it’s a single owner, me, just me. I’m not a corporation. I’ve had to front all these costs.”

Clark asked councillors to consider waiving the extra tipping fees incurred in the remediation process, and that he be charged a maximum of \$50,000 as was the agreement, to his knowledge.

Ward 3 councillor Cec Ryall said Clark’s problem is a cumulative cost issue, and that it would be worth sitting down to discuss what council can do to help him complete the project.

While no decision was made on the request at the meeting, Reeve Dave Burton said it will be discussed.



Photo by Mark Arike

RPM owners Lisa Robbins and Alan Gordon are gearing up for their charity sale.

## RPM sells coats for Kids

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

Food for Kids is a charity that hits home for Lisa Robbins.

Robbins, co-owner of Haliburton and Wedgewood RPM, said she remembers thinking schools needed a breakfast program when her daughter was young.

“It’s a special thing,” she said. “When my daughter was little, she used to go to school and in Grade 5, it shocked me because she was in a portable and every morning her teacher brought in an electric frying pan, eggs and bacon. She asked all the kids who didn’t have breakfast to hold up their hand, and would not start the lesson until all the kids ate breakfast. It

was out of her own pocket.”

Robbins said she was happy to see that kind of program in Haliburton when she arrived.

“It’s always touched a string in my heart,” she said.

To give back to the charity, RPM is hosting a blowout sale this week on high-end snowmobiling coats, jackets, helmets and accessories. From Feb. 12-14, the winter wear will be discounted up to 70 per cent, and helmets, footwear and accessories will up to 20 per cent off. All proceeds from the sale of these items will be donated directly to Food for Kids.

Last year, RPM supported the charity by raffling a kids snowmobile or ATV (winner’s choice). The raffle raised \$3,800 for Food for Kids.

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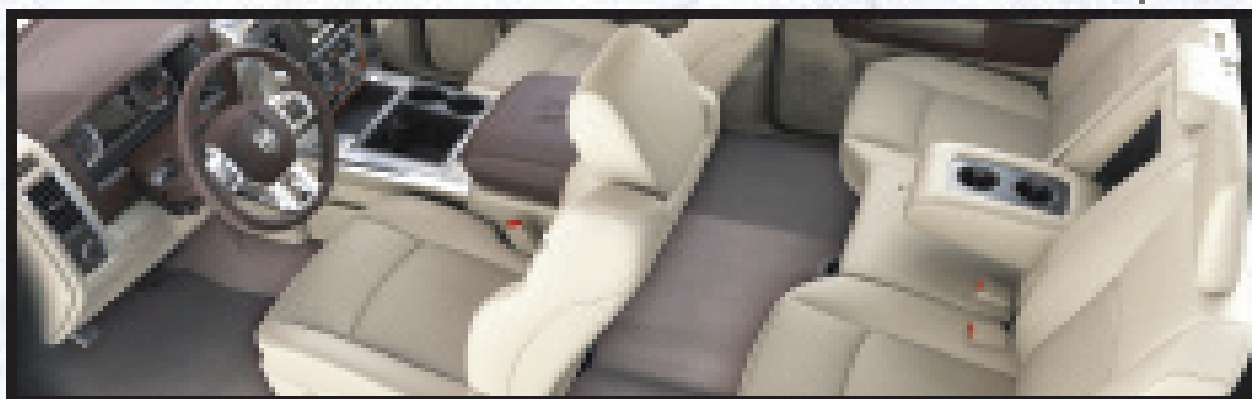
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# Highlander life



Photo submitted by Jan Simon

Ladies Auxiliary president Brenda Boomhouer (left), Betty Hayward and Lynette Craig present Mary Mumford with her service medal.

## Auxiliary member recognized for three decades of service

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

Mary Mumford, a resident of The Manor in Bancroft, was visited by three members of the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 624 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Wilberforce.

The ladies presented Mumford with a pin recognizing her 30-plus years of service with the auxiliary.

Mumford, 97, was married to the late Ed Mumford, a founding member of the branch in 1973. Ed was one of a group of men who gathered 100 veterans together. They were officially recognized and received their

charter on Aug. 28, 1973.

The current Legion hall was built in 1975, at which point the ladies auxiliary was formed to support the branch through meals, raffles, card parties and dances. Many of the current members of the auxiliary have enjoyed Mary's company over the years.

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# Highlander life



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Left: The Hot Stove answered questions for nearly two hours. It included Ray Scapinello, Bill McCreary, Bernie Nicholls, Walt McKechnie, Scotty Morrison, and Steve Ludzik. Right: The Peter North Stars' goalie faces down a shooter.

## Scotty Morrison scores for Support Services

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

Eighteen teams came out to play in the seventh annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament, raising just over \$38,000 for the Community Support Services division of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

The Community Support Services division was formerly known as Community Care. The hockey tournament ran from Feb. 6-8 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

The tournament's namesake, Scotty Morrison, said the weekend was fantastic. "The Friday night was unbelievable," he said. "We tried to recreate the Hot Stove.

There was a tremendous turnout."

Guests included Bill McCreary, Ray Scapinello, Bernie Nicholls, Walt McKechnie, Steve Ludzik, and Morrison, all answering questions and telling stories from their days in the NHL.

"It lasted for a couple of hours, with the questions and answers," said Morrison. "Then we opened it up to the public. When it was over, that's all they were talking about, how great it was, how good the questions were."

Despite the success of the Hot Stove night, the hockey was still the main event. Morrison said he particularly enjoyed watching the older teams play.

"You know what is really nice, is to see the age group, the 50s, 55 and over, still playing the game, playing it well, and having fun."

Morrison said it was about having fun and enjoying the game.

"It was nice to see Bernie [Nicholls], he played with a team. He still skates around there as easy as he always did. It was nice to see."

In the 50 and over division, Iceman Hockey won the A championship, while the Haliburton Senior Storm and the Sens won B and C respectively.

The open division was won by the Brown Owls, followed by B champions the Dirt Squirrels, and C champs Bujold's Buddies.

Morrison said none of it would have been possible without the support from Haliburton County's business community.

"The support we've had from the business community and all the rest ... last year, at the

end of the sixth tournament, when they did all the accounting, Community Care had raised \$190,000 net for all the things they do."

Everything earned from the tournament will be used by Community Support Services for programs such as Meals on Wheels, transportation programs, emergency response systems, friendly visiting, and more.

Dale Walker, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, which raises money for HHHS, said over 150 items were donated for the auction, including a group photo from Matt Duchene that included Team Canada teammates Sydney Crosby, Johnathan Toews and John Tavares, that raised \$1,100.

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# Highlander environment



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The above pictures show damage caused by Leek Moths to local garlic crops.

## U-Links kicks off garlic pest research project

By **Matthew Desrosiers**  
Editor

A three-year research project in the Highlands is looking at ways to protect garlic crops from pests.

Emma Horrigan, director of the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research, is spearheading the project. It's built on work that was started in 2013, in partnership with the Garlic Growers Association and the Farmers Market Association, designed to identify what kind of pest problems garlic growers were facing.

They decided to look at the Leek Moth. "It feeds on the leaves of garlic plants and affects the growth of the bulb below ground," Horrigan explained. "At first, we wanted to prove it existed here, quantifying whether or not we had established populations and where in the county."

Encouraged by what they found, Horrigan

decided to apply for a grant from the Agricultural Adaptation Council's Growing Forward 2 Fund, which supports research around agriculture. U-Links also received support from the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Having received the grant, Horrigan expanded the project to look at the Bulb and Stem Nematode as well.

"[Bulb and Stem Nematodes] are microscopic eel-like pests in the soil," she said. "They come in on contaminated garlic seed. You can't visually detect there are nematodes on the surface. It causes problems for the plant and for the crop as it continues to grow in the soil."

The goal of the long-term project is to monitor Leek Moths and find ways to reduce its impact, as well as to complete field experiments on chemical-free ways to reduce the impact of the nematode on garlic production.

"We selected a site that has a history of garlic production," Horrigan said. "We've sampled the soil and know nematodes are in the soil. The experiment is specifically going to be looking at whether or not cover crops can be used as a way to reduce nematode populations in combination with planting clean seed."

Cover crops are grown in the same soil the grower intends to use for garlic. Once they reach a certain height, the cover crops are cut and the green material is turned into the soil.

"The chemical composition of the green material, and we're hypothesizing at this point, can be a way to actually

kill off certain percentages of the nematode population," Horrigan said. "We're using natural chemistry in the plant as a way to reduce the population."

The cover crops to be tested are Pearl Millet and Ornamental Mustard, both of which have been chosen specifically for their chemical make-up. The experiment is based on work done by, and in collaboration with, Mike Celetti, a nematode expert with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

Horrigan said the only way for the treatment to work is if it is used along with clean seed. Planting contaminated garlic seed after the cover crop treatment will only re-introduce the nematode into the soil.

"The idea is you have these crop cover treatments during the summer. In the fall, when you plant garlic, you plant clean seed. The following year, when harvesting garlic, you also collect soil samples. You'll be able to see from before the cover crops, to when the garlic is planted and harvested, how those nematode populations change."

The first cover crop experiment will begin this spring. The site has been chosen and preliminary testing is already underway. Students are also busy conducting germination trials on the cover crops in a greenhouse environment so that the experiment will run smoothly.

For the Leek Moths, pheromone traps are set out at garlic patches and wild leek sites. Together with local garlic growers, traps are set up at their farms and attract male moths. Each week, the liners from these traps are collected and the moths are counted.

"Over the growing season, we can see what the total population is and what their flight patterns are," said Horrigan.

Peter Mason, a Leek Moth expert with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC),

is working with Horrigan to identify the Leek Moths as they are collected from the traps.

Already from their first experiments in 2013, Horrigan knows that row covers on garlic plants can help to reduce the amount of damage from Leek Moths significantly. However, over the course of this experiment she will continue to collect data.

"We'll continue to do the same thing we've done in past years," she said. "Having a long-term record, multiple years' worth of data, is really valuable because climate fluctuates. Having that comparative data will be very useful."

Horrigan is excited at how this project is coming together.

"This is a true collaboration between experts in the field and garlic growers," she said. "All the things we're testing, whether it's collecting sticky liners from pheromone traps or setting up experiments and growing different crop covers, we have growers participating in the process. The value in that approach is you're really testing just how applicable these techniques could be for a grower to use and implement."

She said this collaborative approach will strengthen the quality of the work and make the results more practical.

Four wild leek sites and three garlic sites have been chosen for the Leek Moth pheromone trap experiment, while one site has been set up for the Bulb and Stem Nematode experiment.

"This is one of the most exciting projects I've worked on, just for the scope," said Horrigan. "It's a fantastic group of people to work with."

For more information, or if you're interested in participating, contact Horrigan at ehorrigan.ulinks@bellnet.ca.

Read The Highlander this summer for an update on the project.



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I am not likely to attend. I just live too far away.



**Rick Grieves**  
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Yes I will be as I am a volunteer. I will be chauffeuring and doing whatever else they need me to do. I'm really looking forward to a great time for everyone.

**Lloyd MacDuff**  
Gooderham

No, I won't be here but I certainly wish everyone the best and I hope it is another great event for everyone.



**Sandra Edmunds**  
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Yes, I am attending them and I look forward to participating in the games in the very near future.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

## Athletes ready for Winter Games

By Lisa Harrison  
Contributing writer

The excitement of winter sports competitions returns to the Highlands on Feb. 17 with the Ontario 55+ Winter Games.

According to Games chair Alan Clark, close to 1,000 people are registered for the Games, including 860 competitors from as far away as Windsor and Prince Edward County, 60 spouses, family members and friends, and 30 others such as VIPs, officials and drivers. While the total is down slightly from the 2013 Games in Huntsville, it's higher than the 2011 local Games when 850 people registered.

The three-day event will include opening and closing ceremonies hosted by celebrity skater and Highlands cottager Kurt Browning, plus two full days of fierce competition in 10 sports: hockey, alpine and Nordic skiing, skating, curling, table tennis, badminton, volleyball, duplicate bridge and ten-pin bowling.

Highlands athletes are competing in the alpine and Nordic skiing, curling, duplicate bridge, hockey and table tennis categories (see our local participants list and event schedule).

Clark, manager Myke Malone, organizers, and 250 volunteers have worked hard, many for several months, on arrangements such as registrations, sports event scheduling, bookings for event venues and for accommodations at 27 locations from Bark Lake to Dwight, and preparations for several special events.

One of these events, A Taste of the Highlands on Feb. 18, or "Middle Night", is designed to be a relaxing and entertaining evening of good food and fun. Athletes will dine at one of 13 venues across the region.

The event underlines the county's growing focus on culinary tourism, with area chefs and caterers creating elegant meals from local foods supplied by growers such as Abbey Gardens. The venues will also feature additional attractions that include beer and wine tastings, musical entertainment, interactive games and gallery displays.

Participating venues are the Bark Lake Leadership Centre, Bonnie View Inn, Haliburton Highlands Museum, Heather Lodge, McKeck's Tap & Grill, Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Minden Legion, The Peppermill Steak and Pasta House, Pinestone Resort, Rhubarb Restaurant, Sandy Lane Resort, Sir Sam's Inn and Trading Bay

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Around their scheduled competitions athletes can explore all that is wonderful about winter in the Highlands.

Throughout the Games athletes and spectators alike will be able to find assistance from Games volunteers, who will be easily identified by their bright yellow scarves.

Even those participants who don't place in the awards categories will come away with a souvenir. Long-sleeved t-shirts, hoodies, ceramic mugs, lapel pins and polar fleece scarves with the 2015 Games logo can be ordered online from the Games website for pick-up during registration at the Minden Hills Community Centre, or during the games at Up River Trading Co. in Minden. Just bring a copy of the merchandise registration form (available on the website) and identification.

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# Pierson still skiing for love of the sport

By Lisa Harrison  
Contributing writer

When Doris Pierson hits the slopes for her second Winter Games next week, she'll be doing so with two new knees and a younger slate of competitors.

The 84-year-old Haliburton resident brought home the gold medal in alpine skiing in the Women's 75+ category when the county first hosted the Ontario 55+ Winter Games in 2011.

Since then Pierson has had two knee replacements, forcing her to sit out the 2013 Games, and for the upcoming event she was the only entry in her category so she agreed to compete with a younger group in the Women's 65+.

In an interview at the end of yet another ski day, Pierson said her new knees are pain-free and "working beautifully", and she won't worry about the competition, even when it's with a younger group.

"I'm not going to get all uptight over it," said Pierson. "It is what it is and I'll just do the best I can."

Pierson said she enjoys skiing because "it's exercise, and it's challenging, and I meet great people, and you're out in the fresh air."

"I do some snowshoeing a bit, but skiing is what I do best."

Alpine skiing is a family affair for the

Piersons. Doris began skiing at the age of 13. Her late husband Gord skied, their four children ski (her son in Panama takes annual winter holidays), and six of her eight grandchildren ski. She has numerous photos of grandchildren slaloming in colourful gear at school races. Here at home, "quite often there are three generations of us on the hill at the same time."

Oshawa native Pierson and her husband bought a cottage in the Highlands in 1975 and moved here in 1986. She has skied all over Canada, in the American West, in Europe, and even in South America.

"My daughter, who works for Air Canada, took us to Chile and we skied in the Andes. That was a thrill ... it was an opportunity we couldn't turn down."

Pierson said she isn't a frequent competitor. She has taken part in the challenge on Sundays at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike and on Ladies' Day, which is always fun, but the 2011 Games were her first larger competition.

"I don't do much practising, I just get out there and enjoy it," said Pierson. "Maybe I was skiing a little faster than I should have been today, but I was having fun," she added with a laugh.

"It's a great group of girls that ski [at Sir Sam's], and a few guys too are chums with us, so it's fun."



Photo submitted by Doris Pierson

Doris Pierson slaloms down the ski hill.

Pierson said on a given day she may meet up with 10 or more friends, but "I don't let anything stop me personally ... I don't prearrange to meet anybody there. I just know they're going to show up."

She said the Winter Games are important because they bring people with like

interests together.

"Most skiers are fun-loving people, and I think the game's good for the community. I really hope it is. And I hope I do bring back a medal for Haliburton. I'll do my best!"



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# Highlander sports



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Izac Reid leads a group of racers during the Amsoil Kawartha Cup on Feb. 9.

## Izac Reid races to top of the podium

**By Matthew Desrosiers**  
Editor

Izac Reid keeps getting faster.

The Minden snowcross racer competed this past weekend in Lindsay for the CSRA Amsoil Kawartha Cup. Coming into the race, Reid was sitting atop both the Junior 1 and Junior 2 classes. He was expecting another strong showing at his home track, and the young racer did not disappoint.

In front of his friends and family, Reid finished second overall in Junior 1, and first overall in Junior 2.

"It was awesome," Reid said.

Although he normally only competes in those two classes, Reid decided to enter the Sport class as well to give himself more time on the track.

"It was a home race," he said. "I had

lots of family and friends there. I wanted to race a lot so they could see me, and I wanted to see if I was capable of keeping up with those guys."

The verdict? He can.

In the Sport class, throttle blocks are removed from the snowmobiles. Reid's sled, when blocked, runs at 440ccs in the Junior 1 and 2 classes. Without the block, he was running the full 600ccs.

"It's a really big difference," said Reid. "It gives you a lot more power. You never get to open it on the track, but out of the corners, whenever you really get on the throttle, it's right there."

"It's just much more smooth and faster."

In his first Sport class race, Reid was involved in a crash and did not finish well. However, in his next Sport race, he finished second, setting him up for the finals.

Despite a back-row start, Reid worked his way up to seventh.

"I was running fourth on my first lap, but two guys tangled in front of me and my sled got stuck. I didn't have the best of luck in the final."

Although his finish in Sport wasn't what he wanted, Reid said it showed he was still one of the fastest racers in the class.

The official season rankings have yet to be updated on the CSRA's website, but Reid said based on the points he received, he's holding onto first place in the Junior 1 class and has stretched his lead in Junior 2.

Reid said he enjoyed having the support of his friends at the race.

"It feels really good to have the support," he said. "Being at that track feels a lot better knowing [they're there]. Obviously my family is always there, but lots of friends were up there watching. I wanted

to show them what I [work so hard for]."

Even though he tells his friends he's always racing and training for snowcross, Reid said they don't always understand until they see it for themselves.

"Lots of people around here don't know what the sport is about until they see it. It's cool when they have a race this close to home, so they can come out."

Next up for Reid is the Royal Distributing Cup in Barrie, from Feb. 14-15. The back-to-back races can

sometimes prove challenging, as it only gives the team a few days to make any repairs that are needed to the sled.

However, Reid said the races in Lindsay went well as his machine only requires the usual maintenance, so he should be fine.

"I'll be ready to go Saturday morning in Barrie."





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## Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AE

Submitted by Monica Keefer

The Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AEs faced off against South Muskoka in Gravenhurst Sunday at 3 p.m. for Game 1 of their playoff series.

The Storm held onto a 2-0 lead late into the second period. They scored another, but the goal was answered by South Muskoka. South Muskoka scored two more goals to tie it up in the third period, forcing a 10-minute overtime that resulted in a 3-3 tie.

The team's next game is Friday at 8:30 p.m. in Haliburton. See you at the rink.

## Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget

B Girls started their much-anticipated Lower Lakes Female Hockey League (LLFHL) playoffs in their Eastern loop on the weekend.

Their home ice series advantage started on the road in Oakwood against the pesky Lindsay Lynx. Looking to get rid of any rust from a two-week lapse in hockey games, the Storm jumped out to an early first period 1-0 lead with Kelsey Maracle slipping a puck into the net off a goalmouth scramble.

Alicia McLean added to the lead in the first period with what proved to be the game-winning goal in the aggressive contest. With Lindsay taking a few questionable penalties, the Storm increased their lead to 3-0 with a powerplay marker from Sydney Feir midway through the second period.

The Lynx continued their attack, and in the third period spoiled the Storm shutout with a knuckler that found its way into the net from a weak angle.

The game ended on a rough note

with more penalties being handed out to both clubs, along with the loss of Erica "The Grinder" Carmount with a fractured wrist.

Get ready for our Friday the 13th tilt in Haliburton girls. We will need to keep to our game plan and maintain our focus to work towards getting to our second round. The third game of the series, if needed, will be in Minden on Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. Good luck girls, stay sharp and be ready for a good ole' playoff barn burner this Friday at 7 p.m.

## Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

Submitted by Susanne Haedicke

The Storm Bantam A team travelled to Gananoque on Sunday to start their next series of playoff games. The long, gruelling drive was made worthwhile with the 4-0 win.

## Highland Storm

Both teams went head-to-head for both first and second periods, scoreless. They delivered lots of back and forth action, with the Storm vastly outshooting the Islanders. Minutes into the third period, while on a powerplay, Manning passed the puck from behind the net and it deflected in for the Storm's first well-earned goal, assisted by Schmidt and Walker.

Next Cooper rushed hard to the net. His shot rebounded to Patterson-Smith, who passed to Manning for his second goal of the game. Cooper made it 3-0 with a nice powerplay goal, fed by Schmidt and Manning.

With minutes left, Schmidt finished things off with an empty-net goal. The entire Storm team played an outstanding game. Smolen earned the shutout win with a solid performance in net.

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# Highlander sports



Photos by Mark Arike

Above: Matt Sexsmith gets his opponent down on the mat. Right: Claire Kareguesian locks up with her opponent.



## Red Hawks sending fourteen wrestlers to COSSA

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Several Red Hawks wrestlers have advanced to COSSA as a result of their solid performances at the Kawartha Wrestling Championships held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) on Feb. 11.

Participants from nine different schools competed, including 11 boys and eight girls from the HHSS Red Hawks wrestling team. Fourteen local athletes finished in the top four

in their weight category to earn a spot in next week's event.

"They're having a good day so far," said coach Paul Klose in the morning. "It's a very young team, but our wrestlers that should be winning are winning."

Athletes advancing include Lucas Bortolussi (fourth in the 51 kilogram category), Marques Bortolussi (fourth in the 83 kg category), Lloyd Calfas (fourth in the 130 kg category), Keagan Gillam (first in the 41 kg category), Justin Irvine (fourth in the 72 kg category),

Matt Manning (fourth in the 61 kg category), Paul Tom (third in the 77 kg category), Matt Pheaton (first in the 57.5 kg category), Matt Sexsmith (second in the 95 kg category), Sonya Flatman (second in the 54 kg category), Carmen Galea (third in the 61 kg category), Rebecca Hamilton (fourth in the 51 kg category), Claire Kareguesian (third in the 51 kg category) and Emily Klose (second in the 61 kg category).

Klose said the wrestlers had to participate in several events across the region in the time

leading up to the championship.

"The more exposure they have on the mat the better it is for a championship," he said.

The ultimate goal, said Klose, is to pin your opponent to the mat. However, points are also awarded for gaining control and throwing the other wrestler. Each match was comprised of two, two-minute rounds.

The COSSA event takes places on Feb. 19 at Quinte Secondary School in Belleville.

Athletes who advance from that event will compete at OFSAA.

## Hawks dominate Wildcats in shutout win

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

To say their 9-0 victory win over Lindsay's I.E. Weldon Wildcats was a blowout would be an understatement.

But despite attaining their highest scoring shutout of the season, the Red Hawks varsity hockey team displayed sportsmanlike behaviour for the entirety of their Feb. 11 home game.

"I think the important thing was – and their coach mentioned it – that our guys played with a lot of respect and they didn't try to run the score up," said head coach Ron Yake.

"It was nice to hear that from the other coach and I relayed the message to the guys as well."

During the afternoon game held at AJ LaRue Arena, the Hawks scored their first goal in the first minute-and-a-half at the hands of Curtis Ballantyne. About four minutes later, Jaydon Wood put another one in the net. He also scored a second goal in the final period.

The Hawks led the Wildcats 4-0 at the end of the first period.

Ballantyne led the team with three goals at the end of the game. Other goals were scored by Mac Rider, Devon Upton (two) and Jake Bishop.

"It was an easy game for our guys, but that happens in high school hockey," said Yake of the win. "It happens in all high school sports."

He pointed out that the Wildcats didn't take their frustration out on his team.

"That was definitely commendable."

With a nearly flawless 8-1 record, the Hawks will finish their regular season on Feb. 12 with a make-up game against Cobourg West followed by a game against Holy Cross. The Kawartha league division playoffs begin next week and Yake said the second game will be held in Haliburton on Feb. 20 at 2:30 p.m.

If the Hawks finish first, Haliburton will host the Kawartha Championship tournament on Feb. 26.

With the playoffs approaching, Yake said his team will need to continue working hard.

"It's going to come down to hard work and staying disciplined," he said.



Photo by Mark Arike

Red Hawks centre Noah Dollo winds up for a hard shot on net.



# Highlander sports



Photo submitted by Mary Hillaby

The A championship team, from left, is Ron Draper, Candy Robinson, Bob Johnston, and Kim Lewis.

## Haliburton rinks win in bonspiel

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

From Feb. 6-8, 24 teams competed in the Haliburton Curling Club's Todd's Independent Mixed Bonspiel. Teams from five different curling clubs participated in the spiel. Convenor Mary Hillaby said it was a huge success thanks to the great ice surface and club volunteers. "Efforts from the amazing kitchen helpers and many members of the day ladies league who baked goods and made sandwiches helped contribute to the spiel's success," she said. "Members of the curling teams and

spectators had an enjoyable weekend of curling, fellowship, fun and food." Bob Johnston's rink, which includes vice Kim Lewis, second Ron Draper, and lead Candy Robinson, won the A championship. The B championship was won by the Oshawa rink of Brian Rutherford, vice Andi Kelcey, second Doug Browning and lead Terry Rutherford. Haliburton skip Kent Milford won the C championship with vice Jan Ashall, second Rick Ashall, and lead Lesley Milford. And Bob Hevey won the D championship with vice Lesleigh Hevey, second Steve Bilsland and lead Denise Bilsland from the York curling club.



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## Red Hawks win back to back

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

The Red Hawks basketball team is fresh off back-to-back wins. On Feb. 5, the Red Hawks hosted the St. Thomas Titans. The home team established their dominance from the outset. "The game against St. Thomas went well," said coach David Waito. "We had a good overall team effort. Our three-quarter court press proved too much to handle in the first quarter, helping us begin with a 17-3 lead." Waito pulled the press after gaining that big lead, but continued aggressive offence and strong defence led the team to a 43-26 win over the Titans. "Angus Sullivan came out of the block on

fire, hitting five of his first six shots," Waito said. Sullivan finished with 10 points in the game and led the team in scoring. On Feb. 9, the Red Hawks rematched Fenelon Falls, avenging a 30-24 loss from earlier in the season. At the end of the first quarter, the teams were tied at 9-9. However the Red Hawks took a 19-16 lead into halftime. Despite renewed pressure from Fenelon Falls, the Red Hawks had a strong defensive fourth quarter to earn the 39-33 win. Will Stephenson led the Red Hawks in scoring with 18 points, the most in his high school career. With the win, the Red Hawks moved to a 5-4 record, the first time they have been over .500 all season.



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# Highlander events



Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Student Alicia Janssen-Thayer sings *Zombie*, a popular 90s tune by The Cranberries. Above: DJ Luke Robinson looks after the tunes.

## A blend of talent at Coffee House

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Each month, Haliburton School of the Arts students share their talents with one another at Coffee House. The first event of the winter semester was held on Jan. 29 in the college's Great Hall.

Hosted by the Student Association (SA), the evening included a variety of musical performances. Snacks and refreshments were provided to students.

"The Student Association holds events

for students to enjoy while they are here for their studies," said SA liaison Jennifer Mykolysyn.

Students who took centre stage included Cassandra Wingrove, Mackenzie Robinson, Amanda Snider, Tyler Franz, Trevor Allin, Alicia Janssen-Thayer and Bethany Williams.

Examples of other students-based activities the organization hosts include yoga classes, skill builder workshops and life drawing classes.

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## Bowl-a-thon helps P4P inch closer to fundraising goal

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

More than 50 people took to the lanes on Feb. 7 at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden for the sixth annual Places for People (P4P) bowl-a-thon. The family-friendly event raised \$3,500 for the not-for-profit organization.

"I was very pleased with how the event was planned and carried out that day," wrote P4P president Max Ward in an email. "I was also glad that so many people including myself had such a great time."

He thanked volunteers Lisa Tolentino and Fred Phipps for their organizing efforts.

The event was split up into two times and included several locally donated prizes. Bowlers raised the funds by collecting pledges.

According to Ward, the funds will be used to help the organization reach its fundraising

goal of \$75,000 that was set last fall.

"This amount represents the amount of funds raised in the community that were needed to bring our most recent renovation project in Minden to a sustainable property," he said, referring to a three-bedroom home on Newcastle Street. "We are currently at \$51,000 and hope to reach the \$75,000 by the end of 2015."

Ward noted that the bowl-a-thon is the group's second largest annual fundraising event, with the most successful being the Highland Yard.

Places for People is currently seeking two board members – preferably individuals with accounting/bookkeeping experience or an interest in talking and listening to others.

Places for People provides affordable rental housing to local residents who are at risk of homelessness.

For more information visit [placesforpeople.ca](http://placesforpeople.ca).

## Forest Poker Run a success

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Haliburton Forest Poker Run was a success this year, despite a drop in attendance.

Forest owner Peter Schlieffenbaum said around 300 snowmobilers participated in the annual race on Feb. 7. Registration opened in the morning and sledders took to the trails, picking up tokens at each stop along the course.

Event organizer Brianna Elder said the riders could get through the course in a matter of hours, or take most of the day to really enjoy the Forest's trails.

"It was great," said Schlieffenbaum.

"It was a good event, as usual."

Haliburton's Mark Gordon won first prize, which was a brand new snowmobile.

"Getting 300 people out for an event like this is always a great thing," said Schlieffenbaum.

"It was a nice and cold day, so the trails stayed in good shape. Everyone had a great day with lots of fun."

Although the final tally was not available as of press time, Schlieffenbaum said he expects to donate at least a few

thousand dollars to the Dysart et al fire department.

*Getting 300 people out for an event like this is always a great thing.*

**Peter Schlieffenbaum**  
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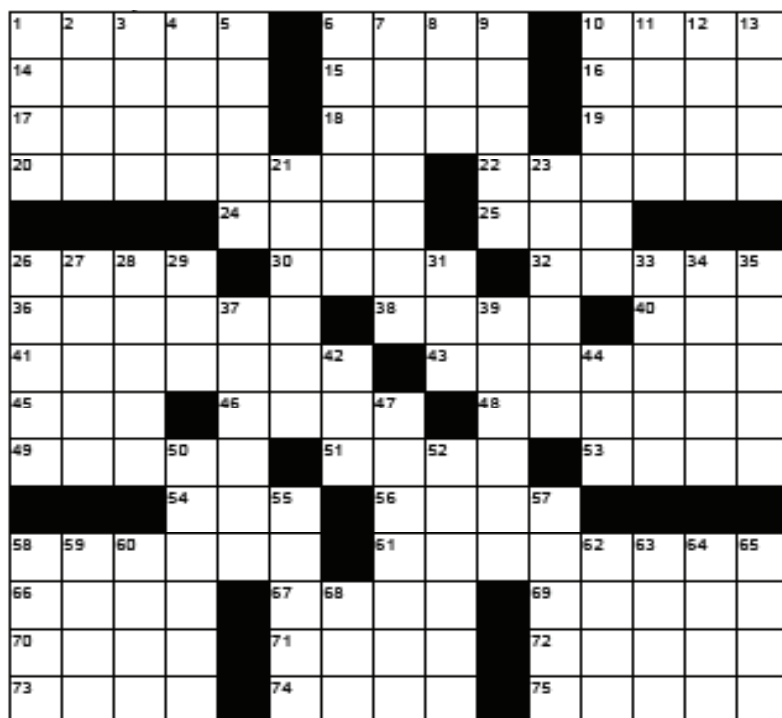
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## IN MEMORY

*Bill Porter*  
Dec 25, 1933 - Feb 9, 2005  
*We hold you close within  
our hearts, and there you  
shall remain, to walk with us  
throughout our lives, until we  
meet again.*  
*We miss you every day.*  
Brittany, Ryan, Amanda,  
Patti and Family xo

*William Porter*  
Feb 9, 2005  
*It's amazing how life and time carries on so fast.  
Even today your memories and thoughts still bring  
us happiness and joy. You know Dad we've lost a lot  
of family and friends in the last ten years. We are so  
grateful you are there to greet and welcome them.  
And knowing that give us comfort and peace.*  
*Thanks Dad!*  
The Porter Family

## NOTICE

# MINDEN HILLS

## NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Mline Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, February 26th, 2015 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- File No. SRA-12-06**  
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9709, registered January 23, 2015.
- File No. SRA-14-04**  
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 31, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9711, registered January 23, 2015.
- File No. SRA-14-05**  
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9710, registered January 23, 2015.
- File No. SRA-14-06**  
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9532, registered August 8, 2013.
- File No. SRA-14-07**  
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 12 & 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 & 9, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9532, registered August 8, 2013.
- File No. SRA-14-09**  
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 12 & 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 3, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9532, registered August 8, 2013.
- File No. SRA-14-13**  
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of the Gull River, lying in front of Lot 5, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9708, registered January 22, 2015.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Mline Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 11th day of February, 2015.

Ian Clendenning, M.P.I.  
Planner

## IN MEMORY

**DAN**  
... because Brian wanted to say *Thank You*

Brian was overwhelmed with the true acts of kindness shown to us by family, friends and complete strangers. Brian was always the type that helped others, and was humbled by the amount of love shown to him over this past year.

Brian worked hard, played hard and loved deeply. You always knew you could count on him for anything at any time. He was the best man I have ever known. And his deepest love came at the birth of his daughter, Ashley. He often said "you don't know love, until you have a child". Brian was the most devoted friend you could wish for, and those friendships meant the world to him. He loved his family and showed it in his own unique ways. We each had our own special bond with Brian... husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend. I was spoiled to have 28 years with him.

Brian loved to laugh and have a good time, and wanted others to do the same. To celebrate all that Brian was, we will be having a bonfire on the beach at Ken Fordes ramp, Sunday, January 25th with a special send off at 4:00 pm. Take time to remember your special moments with Brian, raise a drink and know that he is smiling back at you.

**Brian Daniel Nunn**  
Nov 29, 1957 ... Jan 16, 2015

*I loved you then, I love you now,  
I'll love you always.*  
xoxo Angie

## OBITUARIES

**In Loving Memory of**  
**Douglas Ronald Palmer**

It is with great sorrow that his family announces the sudden passing of Douglas Ronald Palmer, in his 84th year, at his home in Minden on Friday, February 6th, 2015.

Doug is survived by his loving wife Tina (pre-deceased by his first wife Marie), his son Scott (Nancy), and his daughter Susan Miller. Lovingly remembered by his grandsons Bradley and Matthew Palmer, and Zak (Nicole) and Brett Miller (and their father Jeff Miller) and his granddaughters Danielle and Courtney Picard. Beloved Great-Grandpapa of Eli Palmer and Elena Moroz. Pre-deceased by brothers Leonard and Phillip, sisters Kathleen and Joan, sister-in-law June and brothers-in-law Jack, Harry and Ernie.

Doug will be missed greatly by his sisters-in-law Christine (Bob), Mary (Jose), Ellen (Paul) and brothers-in-law David (Reina) and Ben (Anne), nieces and nephews Patricia (Bruce), Ginny (Geoff), Karen (Randy), David (Dorothy), Debbie (Phill), Cathy (Murray), Leslie (Paul), June (Roland), Cari (Jeff), Geoff (Tania), Kristi (Ryan), Gregory (deceased) and Daniel and all their children and grandchildren, as well as a large circle of neighbours and friends.

Doug was devoted to his family and friends and had a tremendous love for life. He enjoyed a long and successful career in the financial sector. Doug was an active volunteer in a variety of areas, namely Kiwanis in Renfrew, as an Elder in his church in North Bay, the Cancer Society in Kitchener and MBC Lakes Association in Haliburton Highlands.

A visitation will be held in Minden at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., on Sunday, February 15th, 2015 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Funeral service will be held in Kitchener at the Williamsburg Cemetery Dedication Centre on Wednesday, February 18th, 2015. Visitation 12:00-1:00 p.m., Service at 1:00 p.m., with Reception to follow.

In keeping with Doug's wishes, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or to a charity of your choice.

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- Century 21 Granite Realty Group Ltd
- Chaulk Woodworking
- Haliburton Dance Academy
- Head Lake Grill
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- Sears Minden
- Stoughton's Quality Roofing
- WRD Cottage Rentals
- Yummy Mummy Emporium

### ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

- Chaulk Woodworking (Trevor & Angela Chaulk)
- Earthways (Michelle Connell)
- Haliburton Dance Academy (Chyna Schell)
- Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve (Peter Schleifenbaum)
- Haliburton Home Hardware (Jerry Walker)
- Head Lake Grill (Diana Gomes)
- Up River Trading Co. (Mike McKeon & Paul Roy)
- Wilberforce Service Centre (Donnie Bamford)

### INNOVATION & CREATIVITY

- 13 Oaks Firewood & Wood Processing
- Biothermic Renewable Heating Solutions
- Chaulk Woodworking
- Haliburton Dance Academy
- Moose FM
- Positive Media
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- The Highlander Newspaper
- Trophy Property Corp.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 13 Oaks Firewood & Wood Processing
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- Yummy Mummy Emporium

### NFP OF THE YEAR

- A Place Called Home
- Algonquin Gateway Business Association
- Bark Lake Cultural Developments
- Canoe FM
- Community Living Haliburton County
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- Up River Trading Company

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# What's on



File photo

Nikki Wesley and her daughter, Scarlett, participate in last year's Haliburton Frost Festival.

## Family Day weekend packed with festival fun

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Just because winter is the coldest season of the year doesn't mean you need to hibernate under the covers.

And with the approaching Family Day weekend, there's no better time to bundle up and get outdoors for a true Haliburton Highlands experience.

On Feb. 14, Haliburton will host the seventh annual Frost Festival in Head Lake Park. The free, fun-filled event will feature snowshoe games, pony rides, art activities, children's dog sledding, horse forging demonstrations and more.

"We're just trying to promote what is fun in the winter and what things are around,"

said Andrea Mueller, event organizer and recreation program coordinator for the municipality.

The day will begin at 9 a.m. with the crowning of this year's Frost Fest ambassador, Steve Hill, and a pancake breakfast hosted by the Haliburton & District Lions Club.

Another big highlight will be the third annual Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge. Brave participants will take a dip in Head Lake starting at 1 p.m., with all proceeds going to the Haliburton hospital's new palliative care centre and Sick Kids Hospital's Eye Project.

The Haliburton United Church will offer a lasagna dinner from 4-6 p.m., with funds going to the church.

Mueller said the event is a great way to try a bunch of winter activities all in one day.

"It's very family-friendly and community-centred," she said. "There are a lot of things you might not get the chance to do otherwise."

The following day, on Feb. 15, Minden will host the seventh annual Winterfest at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena. Activities will include curling, a "sno-pitch" tournament, shinny, horse-drawn wagon rides, a GPS scavenger hunt, ice car racing and more.

"The whole focus is for families to get outside, be active and try something new," said Elisha Weiss, event organizer and community development coordinator for the township.

The festivities kick off at 8:30 a.m. with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Haliburton County Fair Board.

A new event, known as Fire and Ice, has

been added to the evening at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre from 7-9 p.m. Open to adults only, the event will include scotch, wine and beer tasting, and a spicy food challenge featuring several local businesses.

"We thought it [Fire and Ice] would be a great addition and hopefully it will pick up," said Weiss, pointing out that the new attraction was the brainchild of Laurie Carmount, curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Outdoor fire barrels will greet visitors to the cultural centre.

Tickets to the scotch, wine and beer tasting are \$25, which will get you four taste tickets. Individual drinks can be purchased separately from the bar.

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